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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Aaron R. Reynolds et al.  
Title : COMMON NAME SPACE FOR LONG  
AND SHORT FILE NAMES  
Docket No. : 663005.521C2  
Date : September 5, 1996

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Cuan Pham  
Art Unit : 2307  
Application No. : 08/427,004

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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the "Technical Field" a new section  
as follows:

**A Cross-References to Related Applications**

a1 This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application  
No. 08/427,004, filed April 24, 1995, <sup>new U.S. Pat. No. 5,579,517</sup> which is a file wrapper continuation of United States  
Patent Application No. 08/041,497, filed April 1, 1993, now abandoned. --

**In the Claims:**

[ Please cancel claims 9, 10 and 16-22. Please amend claims 1-8 and 11 as  
follows:

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